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**General Meeting
Wednesday 21st October 2015
6.00pm at the Park Office, Southwark Park**

Agenda

1. **Apologies**
 2. **Notes of General Meeting 16th September 2015 and Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
 3. **The Rotherhithe Family Centre - Kellie Ansell and Jackie Davies**
 4. **‘The Family of Dolphin’ Sculpture – Racheal Roe**
 5. **Park Manager’s Report**
 6. **Key Projects Update – (attachment 2)**
 7. **King George’s Field Issues**
 8. **Bowling Club Update**
 9. **West Lane Memorial Garden Issues**
 10. **King’s Stairs Gardens Issues**
 11. **Planning Matters Update**
 12. **Any Other Business**
 13. **Dates of Future Meetings**
- Attachment 1**

**Notes of the General Meeting
Wednesday 16th September 2015
6.00pm at the Park Office**

Present: Sharon Basse; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Alison Clayburn; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Jean Cunliffe; Barry Duckett; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Marjorie Hill; Jill Jerram; Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Denis McMillan; Pam Miller; Jean Mulholland; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires; Julie Webb and Cllr. Bill Williams

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1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Clare Armstrong; Judith Carlton; Judith Deschamps; Jan Duckett; Rt. Hon. Simon Hughes, M.P.; Jim and Stephanie Lodge; Gary Magold; Helena Norval and Nicky Rathbone	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 15th July 2015 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	King's Stairs Gardens – Rough Sleepers Amanda Squires reported that the Norwegian Church had organised a fine service for the man who had recently died with a good attendance.	
2.1.2	The Rotherhithe Family Centre Bamboo Fencing Options to replace the bamboo fencing will need to be considered, as the area at the front is mainly hard surface	Andy Chatterton
3.	Park Manager's Report Andy Chatterton reported:	
3.1	Southwark Park – Sports Centre The works seem to be progressing satisfactorily. Since the meeting Pat Kingwell has arranged to meet with Tm Clee and will give an update in October.	Pat Kingwell
3.2	Southwark Park - New Dual Purpose Litter Bins A review of litter bin requirements in Southwark Park is taking place and a request will be made to include the site name on the bins when the order is sent to the supplier. Where new bins have already been installed elsewhere, we will ask for individual site name signage that can be applied to the bins.	Andy Chatterton
3.3	Southwark Park - New Tennis Courts Work on the tennis courts is due for completion on 9 th October, including resurfacing and line painting the existing courts, weather permitting. Some litter bins will be installed outside the courts on completion of the project.	Andy Chatterton
3.3.1	Southwark Park Tennis Club With the new courts the idea of a Southwark Park Tennis Club has been raised. Denis McMillan outlined the key elements in setting up a new club, including appropriate programmes for children and 50+; open days; a booking system; proper maintenance; insurance and safeguarding; changing facilities and qualified coaches. Denis said he would be willing to be involved in setting up a club. It was agreed that the Sports Centre should be able to help with management and that Cllr. Williams would convene a meeting between Tim Clee, Fusion, Denis and Andy Chatterton to find a way forward.	Cllr. Williams
3.4	Southwark Park – Outdoor Gym The Great Outdoor Gym Company have confirmed the repairs will be undertaken in the week commencing 21 st September.	
3.5	Southwark Park - Walkabout Andy circulated the notes of the walkabout.	
3.7	Southwark Park – Ada Salter Garden Handrail A new handrail has been installed to assist with access to the western steps of the garden and it will be colour coated black as soon as possible, in order to match the gates / railings.	Andy Chatterton
3.8	Southwark Park - Bowling Green Maintenance A number of operations were undertaken in week commencing 10 th August following recommendations made in the Sports Turf Research Institute report. However further work will be undertaken at the end of the playing season, as parts of the green require more localised attention.	
3.9	Southwark Park - Fireworks Display The Events Team have confirmed that a firework display will take place on 5 th	

	November and further details will be announced soon.	
3.10	King's Stairs Gardens – 14 King's Stairs Close Unauthorised Access The majority of the mature Pyracantha that were planted to help prevent unauthorised access have survived and some additional remedial work will be undertaken to close the gap further.	Andy Chatterton
3.11	King's Stairs Gardens - Riverside Planters The maintenance responsibility has yet to be confirmed. However it was felt that Michael Daniels may be able to help resolve this.	
3.12	West Lane War Memorial Gardens The lettering works have been completed.	
4.	Key Projects Update A table of key projects was given – see attachment 2	
4.1	Southwark Park Old Nursery Master Plan After discussion it was agreed Cllr. Cryan would contact the Council officers to ensure FOSP are fully involved in the development of the Building and Landscaping architects and on Project Team. Subsequent to the meeting we have made an input to the briefs and have been invited to architect's interviews. An update to be given in October.	Pat Kingwell
4.2	'Family of Dolphins' Sculpture A question arose about progress on the scheme and it was agreed Cllr. Cryan would ask Adrian Whittle. Subsequent to the meeting Adrian Whittle confirmed there was no issue with the sculptor and that one of the project team would attend in October to update.	Adrian Whittle
5.	Bowling Club Update Colin Smith reported that on the playing side the team had had a mixed season.	
6.	West Lane Memorial Gardens Issues A reminder that the Remembrance Day event will be taking place on 11 November.	
7.	King's Stairs Gardens Issues Simon Kenward thanked all for help in attaining Green Flag status.	
8.	King George's Field Issues Cllrs. Cryan and Williams confirmed the park would not be opened 24 hours a day as an access route from Canada Water station. Barry Duckett asked that some urgent action be taken over the blocked drains.	Andy Chatterton
9.	Planning Matters Update None	
10.	Any Other Business	
10.1	Cleaner Greener Safer Programme 2015/16 It was agreed FOSP would submit the following schemes by 9 November: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor gym for northern sector c20k • 2 x Outdoor table tennis tables c10.25k • King Georges Field interpretation board – c 1.5k It was agreed Parks would submit bids for King's Stairs Gardens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice/Interpretation boards • Greening of tar-paved area on Cathay Street Remember to include 20% for fees!	Pat Kingwell Andrea Pita
10.2	Southwark Park - Car Parking Review A question was raised about progress – Andy to advise.	Andy Chatterton
10.3	Southwark Park Main Carriageway Drains Can these please be cleared?	Andy Chatterton

10.4	Southwark Park Main Carriageway Lampposts Some are showing signs of damage and decay – can this be investigated?	Andy Chatterton
10.5	Southwark Park Lake Duck Boxes Can the broken boxes be removed please?	Andy Chatterton
10.6	Southwark Park Lake Wire Netting Unsightly so can we ask Jon Best to advise about removal please?	Andy Chatterton
10.7	Southwark Park Old Lido Fountain Planting Can we have an update on this please	Andy Chatterton
10.8	Amicable Trust St. Mary's Church It was reported that the Trust had given a grant of £400 towards the costs of bee activities in Southwark Park. Our thanks were expressed.	
10.9	Network Challenge Day 26th September A group of young volunteers will be coming to Southwark Park to help clean up the nature area and the front beds. Thanks to the staff for all their help.	
11.	Dates of Future Meetings 2015/16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st October 2015 • 18th November 2015 • 20th January 2016 • 17th February 2016 • 16th March 2016 • 20th April 2016 • 18th May 2016 <p>All Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified.</p>	

Attachment 2 - Key Projects Update – October 2015

	Project Description	Current Position
1	<p>Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment The centre is undergoing a major refurbishment. Works include reconstruction and layout changes of synthetic athletics track, conversion of synthetic turf football/hockey pitch to natural grass, installation of a hammer and discus cage and the relocation and installation of the following athletic facilities: shot putt circle pole vault runway long/triple jump runway and pit high jump fan and javelin runway Additional works include landscaping to facilitate these changes and the movement north of the fence at the southern boundary. As a second phase the changing rooms will be improved.</p>	<p>All planning approvals were obtained and Blakedown Group contractors are on site working on the first phase track works which are due to complete by the end of November 2015.</p> <p>For the second phase Faithful and Gould have been appointed Project Managers and a planning application for the improved changing rooms is scheduled for December 2015. The building alterations are expected to be completed by summer 2016.</p>
2	<p>Southwark Park Old Nursery Master Plan In 2013 the Council's CGS Programme awarded FOSP £20k to develop a plan to bring the Old Nursery site back into park use and to also improve the café, toilet and office provision. The aim of the plan was to help secure capital funding. Following public consultation the intention is to proceed with a co-location of gallery, café and office.</p>	<p>Head of Parks gave a report back to FOSP in June 2015. The next steps are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of building and landscape architects by October and November 2015 respectively • Second phase design consultation completed by February 2016 • Planning approval by May 2016 • Contractor procured by July 2016 • Works completed by December 2016
3	<p>Southwark Park Relocation of 'Family of Dolphins' Sculpture David Backhouse's sculpture was gifted to the Council by Tesco, Surrey Quays and a new home was sought. A feasibility study led the Council agreeing Southwark Park lake for relocation. Planning application was approved on 12th May.</p>	<p>F.M. Conway contractors have been appointed to implement the scheme. We are advised they are developing a system which will both weight the sculpture and not puncture any lining to the lake. Installation was originally estimated for the end of March 2015 but has slipped. The key issue now is for the contractor to find a design solution to progress the scheme.</p>
4	<p>Southwark Park south-western boundary improvements In October 2014 we agreed that improvements to the boundary were needed. We asked if the Maydew House redevelopment scheme might provide a solution and also reported an offer made by Grosvenor Estates to provide trees.</p>	<p>It was decided to use the Grosvenor trees on the China Hall side of the park and they have now been successfully planted with help from Bede Centre. The issue therefore remains of how to improve the south-western boundary.</p>
5	<p>Southwark Park New Tennis Courts In November 2012 FOSP applied to the Council's CGS programme for two new hard courts. The scheme was approved in July 2013, but additional funding had to be found. In March 2014 MSC Consultants were appointed to progress the scheme. Planning approval was obtained on 13th February 2015.</p>	<p>Works commenced in July 2015 under contractors E.T.C. Sports Surfaces Ltd. The surfacing has been completed. The old courts have also been resurfaced rather than just spray coated as originally planned. The main base coating for both the new and the old courts has been carried out and the final coating was expected in w/b 5 October but weather delayed that. Completion was scheduled for 9th October but will slip. Opening to public by late October 2015.</p>
6	<p>Southwark Park Bandstand Refurbishment The Council's CGS Programme has provided £15,000 to carry out improvement works; repainting; cleaning; electrics; surfacing and information board.</p>	<p>The works began in early October under contractors PDC and a specialist sub-contractor Multimac to carry out the resurfacing. Estimated completion is early November 2015.</p>